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SUBJ: VILLARREAL UNIVERSITY DEVELOPMENTS

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- 1. RECTOR DECLARED REORGANIZATION OF UNIVERSIDAD NACIONAL FEDERICO VILLARREAL (UNFV). WHICH CAUSES DE FACTO DESMISSAL OF FACULTY AND OPPORTUNITY TO REHIRE SELECTIVELY. RECTOR REPEATED ACCUSATIONS AGAINST APRA PARTY, ALLOWING THAT PARTY MOTIVE IS FEAR OF LOSS OF INFLUENCE AT UNFV. HE HINTED THAT HE WILL PURGE MILITANT APRISTA PROFESSORS AND STUDENTS, AS WELL AS ALL STUDENT PARTICIPANTS IN JANUARY 11 FRACAS. UNVERSITY CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE EXCEPT FOR SMALL COOPERATIVE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.
- 2. ON JANUARY 15, THE JUDGE WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CASE BROUGHT AGAINST STUDENTS ACCUSED OF DAMAGING UNIVERSITY PROPERTY ANNOUNCED DISCOVERY OF ARSENAL OF MOLOTOV COCKTAILS, BLUDGEONS AND OTHER ARMS WITHIN UNFV BUILDING CAPTURED LAST WEEK BY STUDENTS.
- 3. APRA LEADER CARLOS ENRIQUE MELGAR DENIED APRA INVOLVEMENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN JANUARY 11 DISORDERS, BUT PARTY ISSUED NO OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE.

4. COMMENT: LARGE MAJORITY OF UNFV STUDENTS AND FACULTY ARE SYMPATHETIC TO APRA, BUT SMALL VANGUARD OF LEFT EXTREMISTS RECENTLY MADE INROADS. NEVERTHELESS, APRA PROBABLY BELIEVES GRAVEST THREAT TO THEIR HOLD ON UNFV AND INFLUENCE ON STUDENT MOVEMENT AS A WHOLE IS RECTOR'S ATTEMPT TO DE-POLITICIZE THE COLLEGE BY SUSPENSION OF APRA MILITANTS. APRA ALSO LAMENTS RECTOR'S COOPERATION WITH GOP. SKIRMISHES BETWEEN APRISTAS AND LEFT EXTREMISTS AND A RUNNING BATTLE BETWEEN THE RECTOR AND POLITICIZED STUDENTS CAUSED SPORADIC CLOSINGS IN 1973. HOWEVER, UNIVERSITY USUALLY FUNCTIONED NORMALLY UNTIL RECENT EVENTS, WHICH BEGAN WITH A PEACEFUL MARCH BUT DEGENERATED INTO BRAWL BETWEEN APRISTA MILITATNS AND UNIVERSITY SECURITY FORCES. UNDOUBTEDLY APRA LEADERSHIP AWARE OF AND CONDONED PEACEFUL ASPECTS OF ALIANZA REVOLUCIONARIA ESTUDIANTIL PLANS, BUT REGRETS TURN OF EVENTS. APRISTAS ARE INTENT ON USING UNFV AS PARTY RECRUTING AND TRAINING GROUND, WHILE SIZE (12,000 STUDENTS) AND CENTRAL LOCATION MAKE IT IDEAL FOR ANTI-GOP MASS DEMONSTRATIONS, A TRADITIONAL APRA WEAPON. SERIOUS ATTEMPTS TO PURGE APRA INFLUENCE AT THE UNFV WILL MEET STIFF PARTY OPPOSITION AND COULD MEAN MORE VIOLENCE AND CLOSED DOORS AT THE UNIVERSITY FOR SOME TIME. **BELCHER**

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